GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ACHIEVEMENTS OF HEALTH PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target fixed for the health programmes has been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any plan to make the health programmes successful;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (e) There have been significant achievements as a result of implementation of different health programmes. Guineaworm has been eradicated; prevalence of leprosy brought down from 57/10,000 population in 1981 to 5.28/10,000 in March, 2000; morbidity and mortality on account of malaria contained; cure rate under Revised National Tuberculosis Programme significantly improved; polio virtually eradicated; and coverage of mother and children with Reproductive and Child Health Programme expanded in a substantial manner.

The non-achievement of desired levels of success in some cases can be attributed to lack of awareness among the people in availing of health services particularly the preventive measures, remoteness of certain areas, illiteracy, poverty etc.

Central Government has been making every effort to augment the resources for the health sector by mobilising external assistance from bilateral and multilateral agencies for implementation of National Health Programmes for Malaria, TB, Leprosy, Blindness and AIDS.

The programmes are being constantly reviewed to improve implementation. Attention is also being given to increasing public awareness through information, education and communication activities.